

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant Desousa, et al.

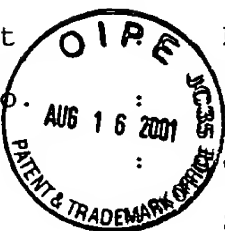
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The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 13,
2001. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the
following amendments and remarks.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time
extending the time for response from May 13, 2001 up to and
including August 13, 2001. Enclosed is a check for \$890.00 to
cover the required extension fee. The Assistant Commissioner is
hereby authorized to charge any additional fee which may be due
in connection with this Petition to Deposit Account No. 23-1703.